Subsidies to cotton Growers

1041. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government plan to give more subsidies to the cotton growing farmers;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government would ensure to enforce in all the markets, the ban on spurious cottonseeds that was the root cause of cotton farmers committing suicide; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) The Government plans to enhance subsidy during 10th plan under intensive Cotton Development Programme under Mini-Mission-II of Technology Mission on Cotton, subject to approval of Expenditure Finance Committee for some activities *viz.*, distribution of seed, bio-agents, sprayers and drip irrigation system.

(b) The details are enclosed as Statement (*See* below)

(c) and (d) The power of enforcement to check the Supply of Spurious/ adulterated seeds including cotton seed has been given to the State Departments of Agriculture under Seed (Cotton) order 1983 and Seed Act 1966. Government of India monitors the progress of seed law enforcement in the States.

Statements

Details of changes in Subsidy to Cotton Farmers under intensive Cotton Development Programme under Mini Mission-II of Technology Mission on Cotton

Sl. No.	Component/Activity	Unit	During 9th Plan	Proposed for 10th Plan
1.	Distribution of Seed	Rs./Kg.	10	20
2.	Distribution of Bio-agents	Rs./ha.	50% of cost limited to Rs. 300/-	50% of cost limited to Rs. 500/-

Sl. No.	Component/Activity	Unit	During 9th Plan	Proposed for 10th Plan
3.	Distribution of Sprayers	Rs./Unit	50% of cost limited to Rs. 700/- for manual, 1500 for power operated, and 4000 for tractor operated	50% of cost limited to Rs. 800 for manual, 2000 for power operated and 10,000 for tractor operated
4.	Distribution of Drip Irrigation System	Rs./ha.	50% cost limited to Rs. 21,000 to Rs. 26,000 per ha. for SC/ST, Small/Marginal & Women and 35% limited to Rs. 14,900 to 18,600 to others	50% cost limited to Rs. 25,000 to all farmers but 60% cost limited to Rs. 30,000 to farmers in watershed areas.

Agriculture accidents and Insurance

1042. SHRI MOTILAL VORA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there has been consistent increase in accidents in the agricultural sector;

(b) if so, the steps taken by Government to provide compensation to the deceased persons;

(c) in how many districts in the country the agriculture insurance has been introduced so far and the steps taken by Government to extend benefit of insurance for agriculture throughout the country; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) Sir, there is no such report available. However, the Kisan Credit Card (KCC) Scheme has been introduced which *inter-alia* has a provision of Personal Accident Insurance to the KCC holders. The Dangerous Machines (Regulation) Act, 1983 provides for the payment of compensation to the victims in accordance with the provisions under the Workmen's Compensation; Act, 1923, in the case of death or dismemberment of any limb or any other bodily injury